



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VII
726 MINNESOTA AVENUE
KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

Hubert Thompson
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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Hubert Thompson Site, St. Louis, Missouri
PCB Cleanup Referral

FROM: Robert L. Morby
Chief, Superfund Branch

TO: Leo J. Alderman
Chief, Toxics and Pesticides Branch

This is in reference to your Memorandum dated October 30, 1991 regarding our consideration of remediation of the subject site under Superfund authority.

On February 19, 1992, a meeting was held between Ronald King, of my staff, Bob Jackson and Doug Elders, of your staff and Henry Rompage of ORC. It was agreed at this meeting that the Superfund Branch would take lead on this site.

This site has been assigned to Jeff Weatherford. Jeff will be the remedial project manager in the interim. He will schedule a meeting with your staff to obtain background information and discuss the proposed strategy to pursue under Superfund authority.

Presently, Cheryle Micinski, will be lead counsel for Superfund and work with Henry Rompage during the transition.

cc: Jeff Weatherford, REML
Bob Jackson, TOPE



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FROM: Leo J. Alderman, Chief *W. J. Alderman*
Toxics and Pesticides Branch

TO: Robert L. Morby, Chief
Superfund Branch

Attached is a report which characterizes PCB contamination at the subject facility. On August 11, 1987, a TSCA PCB inspection was conducted at the facility. Mr. Thompson had purchased the building from the City of St. Louis and had sold a small part of the building to another individual, Edward Pivorotto. The inspection revealed several PCB transformers which had not been treated in compliance with the PCB Final Rule. TSCA Administrative Civil Complaints were issued against Mr. Thompson and Mr. Pivorotto. As a result of settlement of those Complaints, the transformers were removed and disposed. A TSCA inspection conducted subsequent to removal of the transformers, however, revealed that PCBs had spilled or leaked onto the floor and into a drain within the facility. Since that time, TSCA staff has been providing technical assistance to Mr. Thompson in characterizing and remediating the PCB contamination.

Mr. Thompson removed a section of concrete in the building during 1988. On February 21, 1989, an EPA inspection revealed that PCBs in the soil under the concrete contained 1,200 parts per million (ppm) PCBs. Additional remediation efforts ensued and have been unsuccessful in cleaning the PCBs to levels required under the PCB Spill Cleanup Policy. Mr. Thompson provided the attached report to EPA which to our knowledge, is the last efforts expended on the project. Note on page 5 of the report that PCB concentrations in excess of 2,500 micrograms per 100 square centimeters exist on concrete areas and water samples in the floor drain indicated 1,620 ppm PCBs. Although as explained in the cover letter accompanying the report, several civil actions have been initiated by Mr. Thompson's legal counsel against prior owners of the facility, the latest information we have is that Mr. Thompson does not plan to continue remediation efforts in a timely manner.

I am referring this file to you for consideration of remediation under Superfund. The attached is only the latest information which we have concerning the site. If you have need of the entire historical file, contact Doug Elders of my staff at x7393.

Attachment

Don
Karen
Response
required -
let me know who
signed it
Feb -

